

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 9 January 2023

Membership

Professor Suzanne Shale (Chair)
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Observers

James Bottomley, MOPAC
Inspector Ben Smith, MPS

Minutes

1. The minutes of the meeting on 12 December 2022 were approved.

Openness and Transparency in Policing Report

2. The Panel reviewed the final draft sections of their report. They discussed:
 - the incorporation into the report of the key findings from their interim 'Report on Conduct of Searches Exposing Intimate Parts' which they published in December 2022, and the MPS's welcoming response to it
 - highlighting the differences between openness and transparency
 - the importance of the public having a good understanding of policing processes
 - the distinction between openness and transparency in police officers' interactions with individuals and as an organisation
 - the unintended consequences that can arise from openness and transparency
 - the amount of data the Met Police already publish, the positive direction of travel the organisation has in that regard and the importance of providing an interpretation of that data
3. The Panel agreed a process for developing and agreeing the recommendations.

Future Projects

4. The Panel summarised the outcome of the morning session where they discussed options for their next projects. They agreed that as well as developing detailed written reports, they would explore the potential of organising 'round tables' comprising the Panel, MPS and other subject matter experts to consider a particular ethical issue which would assist the MPS.

5. The next steps for agreeing their work plan for 2023 will be the Chair seeking the views of the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and the Assistant Commissioner, Professionalism.

The Panel's next meeting will be on 13 February 2023